SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: DEBRA LAVERING, RN

License No. R-024870

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Licensee.

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WHEREAS, Debra Lavering, RN ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds License Number R-024870; and WHEREAS, said Licensee on or about July 22, 2002, was enrolled in the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") for alcohol abuse. Licensee was compliant with HPAP until May 28, 2003, when she was hospitalized for alcohol abuse, anxiety, and depression. HPAP monitoring continued. In January 2005, while working at Beverly Health Care in Rapid City, Licensee tested positive for Vicodin. An investigation resulted in termination of Licensee for diversion and falsification of records. Licensee was found to be in noncompliance with HPAP for this and for also failing to self report a September 2004 prescription for Vicodin. In February 2005, Licensee signed a Refrain from Practice with HPAP; and

WHEREAS, an Informal Meeting was held with the Licensee and Board staff,
Andrew Albers and Nancy Bohr, along with Mike Coley, HPAP Program Director, on

April 5, 2005. (See Minutes of Informal Meeting dated April 5, 2005, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein); and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Informal Meeting, the Licensee signed a Voluntary Refrain From Practice Statement and agreed that she would enter into a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with the Board surrendering her South Dakota license; and

WHEREAS, the Board has not been able to contact Licensee at her last known address and as of this date, Licensee has not signed the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order; and

WHEREAS, Licensee's conduct as stated would be inconsistent with the health and safety of persons entrusted to her care and violates the statutes, rules, and regulations regarding the practice of nursing and is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-49, (4), (7), and (10); and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare as set forth in SDCL ' 36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee in the subject matter of this Order.

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- 2. That based upon the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action against Licensee's license.
- The Board specifically finds that the Licensee has not observed the terms of the HPAP and that actions of Licensee endangers the public health, safety and welfare and imperatively requires emergency action in that her actions may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters are of the nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL ' 36-9-49.
- 4. That based upon these findings, the Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby suspended. The Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at anytime for "good cause" and upon the completion of the recommendations made by HPAP, their evaluation, and subsequent clearance.
- 5. The Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.
- 6. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a registered nurse during the terms of this Summary Suspension is in violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

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The South Dakota Board of Nursing meeting on the 30th day of June, 2005, approved this Order of Summary Suspension as written without modification.

Dated this _____ day of July, 2005.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary

The South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 30^{th} day of June, 2005, approved this Order of Summary Suspension as written without modification. and that the above Order is adopted as shown herein by the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 30^{th} day of June, 2005, by a vote of $8-\delta$.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary

NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension in regards to Debra Lavering, RN, License No. R-024870 ("Licensee") as follows:

- 1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on September 15, 2005, at <u>3:30</u> o=clock p.m., at the South Dakota Board of Nursing office located at 4305 South Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and the Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.
- 3. Licensee has the right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.
- 4. A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Sloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the <u>it</u> day of <u>_______,</u> 2005, I sent to Debra Lavering, 4921 N. Highway 79, Rapid City, South Dakota 57702, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Hearing by certified and first-class mail, postage prepaid.

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary